

James Moroni Casper (1876) Barn

This barn was owned by James M. Casper and was built by Elisha Webster shortly after the turn-of-the-century. The timbers and lumber (red pine) were milled in the West Strawberry area and was hauled by team and wagon to the place of construction. The barn has two floors. The lower floor was used to house 10 cows on the west side and could house as many as five teams of horses on the east side. The upper floor was used for the storage of loose hay. The barn is now owned by a nephew Moroni Besendorfer. It has had some renovation and presently it is being used for parties and family reunions. It is located at 1255 South Casperville Road.

Information from James Moroni Besendorfer.

92nd Birthday Celebrated



Elmer Tidwell

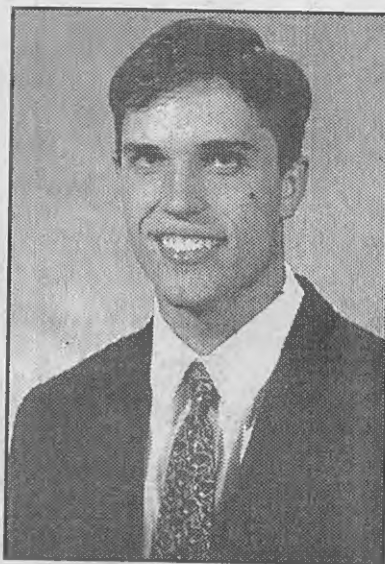
Rainy weather could not dampen the spirits of family, neighbors and friends at the birthday party of 92 year old, Elmer Tidwell, Sept. 20. Balloons adorned the posts of the carport and a buffet table was filled with delicious food for tile many friends of this wonderful man. A birthday cake shaped like a daisy flower sported 92 candles on its petals. Elmer only blew out one petal at a time as the breeze through the carport helped him out. He delighted everyone by reciting a humorous poem from memory, containing many stanzas about old age, showing us all that we are never too old to learn.

Elmer has always been known by his neighbors as the person who

always shares his wonderful garden produce. Even at 92 years of age, he had a garden this year with the help of his loving daughter, Deloris Wilson, who cares for him. His vegetables were always up before anyone else in the neighborhood and he delighted in growing a few unusual vegetables to test out people's knowledge of what they were. This year, he entered some of his produce in the Wasatch County Fair, and although some didn't get blue ribbons as in times past, the thrill of being part of the fair was achieved.

Elmer was born in Wellington, to Taylor and Mary Tidwell, on Sept. 21, 1905. When he was a small child, his parents became part of the original homesteaders in the Uinta Basin. They lived in an area called Boneta, and he lived there until adulthood. He married Minerva Jane Sweat, July 9, 1927. He even remembered his wedding day at 92 years of age. That should teach all the men an important lesson! They were later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple Oct. 13, 1947. They had four children, Clyde Elmer Tidwell, (wife, Hanna Ringger), of Salt Lake City; William Von Tidwell (deceased), (wife, Wilma Friedley); Deloris May Tidwell Wilson (husband, Dale Wilson deceased), of Heber City, and Lloyd L. Tidwell (wife, Gladyes Neil), of Centerville. He has 12 grandchildren, 22 great-

Missionary Returns



Elder Michael Scott Moulton

Elder Michael Scott Moulton, son of Michael and Ann Moulton, has recently returned home after serving in the Brazil-Florianopolis Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He will be speaking in the Timp Meadows Ward, 1300 East Center Street, at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28. Family and friends are invited to the Moulton home immediately following the church services.

Barn Identity

Name of Original Owner: (Pict., Hist., Ped., FGS)

James Moroni Casper

Address of the Barn: *1255 So Casperville Rd*
South of Heber City Utah

Material used to build the Barn:

Who actually built the Barn: *Elisha Webster*
when: Early after 1900

Peculiar characteristics of the Barn:

2 floors. Stored loose hay on upper floor
Sheltered 10 cows downstairs on the west
4 " 5 teams of horses on the east (dnst.)

Who were the subsequent Owners:

Moroni Bessendorfer

Uses made of the Barn:

Any significant history of the Barn:

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At the age of 13 he was working for Thomas Clothworthy at his shingle mill and when 18: he was logging with a team of oxen. Later he worked at the Alexander saw mill and fired the boiler.

When he was 21 he along with two of his brothers-in-law, Wm. Rasband and Caleb Moore, bought the first steam thrashing machine to be brought to Heber. That winter he went to Fort Duchesne. The soldiers were there. He along with Herbert Clegg and Wm. Nelson would cut the wood and he and Henry Clegg hauled it to the soldiers.

The first steer he owned he sold it and bought his mother a feather bed and paisley shawl.

He married Marion R. Neil in the Logan Temple on 19 Dec. 1888. She was born on 18 July 1870, at Salt Lake City, the daughter of William Neil and Marion Robertson Neil. She was the third child in the family, her first sister Agnes Neil having died while crossing the plains. Her second sister, Rachel, was born on the plains. Her father was a miner by trade but managed to buy land. She and her brother, William, would harvest the crops with ox team. She had two younger brothers, William and John, also two younger sisters, Martha and Jane.

They held many important positions in the valley. He was a member of the Charleston District School board until consolidation, then he became a member of the Wasatch High School board; he was president of the Charleston Irrigation Co. for 20 years. Marion Carlile worked on the Wasatch Stake Relief Society Board; was president of Charleston Ward Primary, also president of Charleston Ward Relief Society. They lived in Heber until 1897 when they moved to Charleston.

George Robert Carlile died at his home in Charleston on 29 Oct. 1938, his wife Marion R. died at her son Earl's home on 31 Aug. 1946.

JAMES MORONI AND SARAH JEAN MCFARLAND CASPER

James Moroni Casper was born February 28, 1853, in Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah. He was a son of early converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, William Wallace Casper and Sarah Ann Bean Casper. Their married life commenced with the saints at Nauvoo. Here they shared in the trials and persecutions



which finally forced them to flee from Nauvoo. William Wallace Casper played an important part in the camp life experienced along the trail at Mount Pisgah and Council Bluffs. At Council Bluffs William Wallace was mustered into the Mormon Battalion for military service in Mexico. On 16 October, 1847, the soldier husband came riding into Salt Lake Valley, bearing the title of Major which he had won with honor. Here he found his wife and a joyous reunion took place nearly a year after the sad departure on the banks of the Missouri. Later William Wallace was called by Brigham Young to help colonize the region around Santa Clara or the "Muddy" as it was sometimes called. James Moroni, his son, who was fourteen years old was left to take care of the farm in Mill Creek while his father fulfilled his mission call. As a young man, James Moroni, hauled granite for the construction of the Salt Lake LDS Temple and lumber for the construction of the LDS tabernacle organ. He married Sarah Jean McFarland February 15, 1875, in the Salt Lake Endowment House.

Sarah Jean McFarland was the daughter of James McFarland and Sarah Mitchell, converts from Paisley, Scotland. They came to Utah in 1860, sailing on the "John Bright" and crossing the plains in the Joseph S. Rawlins ox-team company. Sarah Jean was eleven years old and walked all the way, arriving in Salt Lake City, October 1, 1866. She was born January 26, 1855, in Irvin Airshire, Scotland. Their children were: James Moroni, Jr., born June 30, 1876, m. Margaret Price, died; William Jedediah born January 30, 1878, m. Mary Murdock; Cashus Roy, born October 20, 1880, died; Arlington Nephi born November 30, 1882, died; Mary born December 26, 1884; Henry Mitchell born September 29, 1886; George Ether born October 5, 1888, died; Sarah Margaret born

September 15, 1889, m. George Carroll; Minerva Jane born November 1, 1891, m. Alonzo Marchant, died; Erma Ethewin born April 11, 1894, m. Arthur Gunderson, died; Nellie born June 5, 1897, m. Andrew Besendorfer; Nancy Ann born November 8, 1899 m. Noah Besendorfer.

James Moroni and Sarah Jean moved to Wasatch County May 1, 1889 and settled in Charleston, where they lived until October 1, 1927, when they moved to Heber.

James Moroni Casper was well known as a rancher and served as watermaster for many years and as a school trustee.

Sarah Jean was a devout member of the church serving in Relief Society and at the time of her death being an honorary member of that organization. She died March 31, 1940 at the age of eighty-five.

Death claimed James Moroni on August 22, 1948, at the age of ninety-five, Wasatch County's oldest resident.

JAMES MORONI CASPER AND MARGRET PRICE CASPER



James Moroni Casper was born June 30, 1876 at East Mill Creek, a son of James Moroni and Sarah Jean McFarland. Married Margret Price January 13, 1899. Margret Price was born April 18, 1879 at Charleston, a daughter of James and Ann Powell Price. James died July 5, 1958 at Charleston. Margaret died at Heber City July 27, 1954.

James Moroni Casper walked from Salt Lake at the age of 12 years, driving the family cows with him and moved to Charleston, where he spent his entire life. He spent the early part of his life farming, and hauling freight. He hauled the first load of lumber ever to go into Duchesne.

He drove the milk wagon and sleigh, and hauled milk to the old Charleston creamery

for ten years. He also drove the first school bus Charleston ever had. He drove it for 11 years. He always took great pride in having a good team of horses.

Margaret Price spent her entire life in Charleston. As a young girl, she helped her brother herd the town cows in the hills of Charleston. She made her first trip to Salt Lake on a load of potatoes taking three days to do so. In Salt Lake she received a job at Salt Lake Fur for \$3.50 a week. She held offices in the Timpanogos Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and was a Relief Society teacher for many years.

They were parents of nine children: Cashus Ray, James Elden, Mina Casper (Mrs. John A. Milliner), Sarah Merle (Mrs. John Lauritz Jacobson), Ella Casper (Mrs. Lester Brown), Arlington (Bun), Mae Casper (Mrs. Stanley Jones), Marion Dean, Ruby Casper (Mrs. Rex E. Allred).

WILLIAM NEPHI CASPER



William Nephi Casper was born November 10, 1848, at Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah. A son of William Wallace and Sarah Ann Bean. April 20, 1867, he married Agnes McFarland. She was born April 29, 1848. She was the daughter of James McFarland and Sarah Mitchell. Married Lucy Edwards 29 November 1877 at Salt Lake City. She was born 28 Dec. 1861, Charleston. A daughter of Philip and Mary Simmons Edwards. William died October 11, 1932.

Nephi was one with a group of men who worked in the forest, cutting railroad ties which were floated down the Provo river to be used for railroad building. He used team and wagon to haul milk gathered from farmers to the Daybell Creamery in Charleston and also the Mark Jeffs creamery. He and his family cleared a great deal of the

